

The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Dear The Federal Communications Commission,

My wife and I are retired and on a fixed income. Additional taxes are certainly not covered in any retirement benefits, and certainly not covered by any so-called Cost of Living increases!

I do not want to pay more for my telephone service! I urge you to reject a flat fee proposal that would change how contributions are made to the Universal Service Fund. I am concerned that this proposal could make my current service unaffordable.

Under the flat fee proposal you are considering, people who make few long distance calls would pay the same as people or businesses that make many calls. In other words, low-volume and primarily residential customers would bear the same universal service fund burden as a high-volume residential or business customers. This is unfair!

I use my wireless phone for safety, security and convenience. I have a heart condition, and my wife and I keep the 'phone in the car in the event of an emergency. We rarely use it; except for back-up and emergency situations.

We are already taxed heavily with our regular telephone service (Verizon) and our utilities are another heavy taxation item.

I don't want to lose these benefits so that big businesses can pay less than their fair share. I urge you to reject the proposal to move the USF collection system to a flat-fee.

Keep the USF Fair!

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Sincerely,

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